

Probable Lineage of this Branch of the Leech Family

In the early 1700s, there was a Leech family in the New Jersey area.

Samuel Leech, Sr. <u>(1730 - 1820)</u>	m. (1757)	Mary Frey <u>(1738 - 1821)</u>
Samuel Leech, Jr. <u>(1768 - 1815)</u>	m. (ca. 1790)	Margaret Fulton <u>(1770 - 1863)</u>
Archibald Leech <u>(1796 - 1859)</u>	m. (1824)	Sarah Ferguson <u>(1805 - 1854)</u>
Samuel Leech <u>(1824 - 1905)</u>	m. (1855)	Sophia Mizer <u>(1835 - 1859)</u>
	m. (1860)	Sarah Riggle <u>(1829 - 1909)</u>
Samuel Ferguson Leech <u>(1871 - 1943)</u>	m. (1896)	Ola B. Johns <u>(1876 - 1962)</u>

Newcomerstown and a current resident of Lakewood, Ohio. The author's work constitutes a multi-volume collection of much information on former citizens of the Newcomerstown area and other information relating to the area. He also notes some other sources for possible additional information. In 1987, the first volume of this set, covering 1898-1909, was published; subsequently, additional volumes have been, and are continuing to be, published. For his work on this set, the area should be grateful. Copies of this set are found in several area locations, including the Newcomerstown Public Library.

Over the years, there have been several variations in the name of the local newspaper in Newcomerstown; for consistency in this account, the name used throughout will be *The Newcomerstown News*.

⁴⁰ Correspondence with Coshocton County Probate Court, Coshocton, Ohio.

The "last will and testament" of Samuel Leech appears to be dated October 1, 1902. It was a one-page handwritten will, but it was probably only signed, and not actually written, by him. The name used in the will's text and in its execution was "Samuel Leech" with neither a middle name nor a middle initial. In the will, John Leech was appointed the "executor." The third (and final) item of the will provided that: "...By the request of his father and mother [Undoubtedly, she was the only mother John Leech would ever remember, although not his birth mother.] I appoint John Leech as executor of this my last will and testament. And the said John Leech is to execute this my last will and testament. And the real estate is to remain in controll [sic] of the aforesaid John Leech. And the said real estate is not to be sold or any part there of [sic] during our natural life [sic]." At the time of Samuel Leech's death, his wife and seven of his eight children were alive. Perhaps, in part, because of the provisions of Samuel Leech's will, his estate was not promptly closed. In 1909, Samuel Leech's widow, Sarah (Riggle) Leech, died, and, in 1910, his son and the executor under his will, John Leech, died; Samuel Leech's estate was apparently not finally settled until after both of these deaths had occurred. After the executor's commission and expenses and other expenses of Samuel Leech's estate were paid, there was only a little more than four thousand dollars for distribution; in accordance with Samuel Leech's will, this amount was then distributed by sevenths, and a one-seventh share equaled \$577.40.

taken, most likely at Ola B.'s insistence. For future generations, the single most outstanding feature of this photograph would be the large bow in Eunice Elizabeth's hair.

At some unknown time (and the scribe would guess about 1910), Samuel Ferguson and Ola B., with their three children, moved to a house at 333 West Main Street. (This house would serve as the family seat until 1962, when Ola B. died. This house is still standing, and, in addition to living quarters, it now has a beauty parlor.)

During the marriage of Samuel Ferguson and Ola B., Samuel Ferguson was the so-called breadwinner. There was, however, no doubt whatsoever as to who was really in charge, and it was Ola B. The scribe can even remember a neighbor who, calling upon the old comic strip characters of Maggie and Jiggs, always referred to Ola B. by the nickname of "Maggie."



Samuel Ferguson Leech, Ola B. (Johns) Leech, and their children about 1910. (Photographer unknown; ca. 1910.)



333 West Main Street, Newcomerstown, Ohio. The lattice work on the front porch was added after 1962. (Family photograph; 2001.)

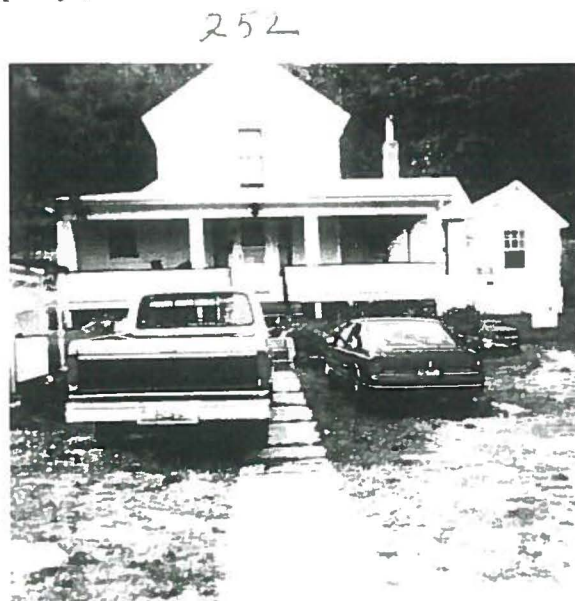
Although she became a member of the Leech family in 1896, Ola B. maintained her strong ties to the many Johns families. A listing of those ties would be far too lengthy for inclusion in this account. For illustrative purposes only, a 1919 news item from *The Newcomerstown News*, at 1 (September 3, 1919), is perhaps suggestive of the strength of those ties.

“...nothing but a few memories, and a bunch of empty foundry buildings...” would remain.⁵) In the period from about 1880 to 1900, Newcomerstown’s population almost tripled, and, by 1900, Newcomerstown’s population had grown to more than 2,600.

On April 2, 1900, Samuel Ferguson and Ola B. had the second of their three children: Eunice Elizabeth.⁶ She was born subsequent to this family’s relocation to Newcomerstown. (For whatever reasons, and perhaps because this small family had then only recently moved from Bakersville to Newcomerstown, her birth was “not recorded” in 1900. In 1958, she filed an “application” to have her birth registered, and a journal entry ordering the registration was made shortly thereafter. The documents also state that Samuel Ferguson Leech was working at the James B. Clow Company at the time of her birth on April 2, 1900.)

In 1900, after this Leech family moved to Newcomerstown, they lived for a time in a house on a very small street that was parallel to the old canal that then ran through the middle of Newcomerstown. (This street, almost an alley, is often referred to by local residents as Main Extension; whether this street is officially so designated or not is not known; this small street now runs parallel to a part of Canal Street. The house itself is still standing, and it has the number 252 on it; for many years, fishing bait was sold from a shed at the front of the property.)

252 Main Extension,
Newcomerstown, Ohio. (Family
photograph; 2001.)



Havers Fishing
Bait 1960's

On September 11, 1902, Samuel Ferguson and Ola B. had the third of their three children: Charles Russell. This birth took place in the house described in the immediately preceding paragraph. (Of Charles R. Leech, Sr., more will be stated in Chapter Six.)

It was probably about 1910 that a formal photograph of the family was

Dear Charles;

August 27, 2007

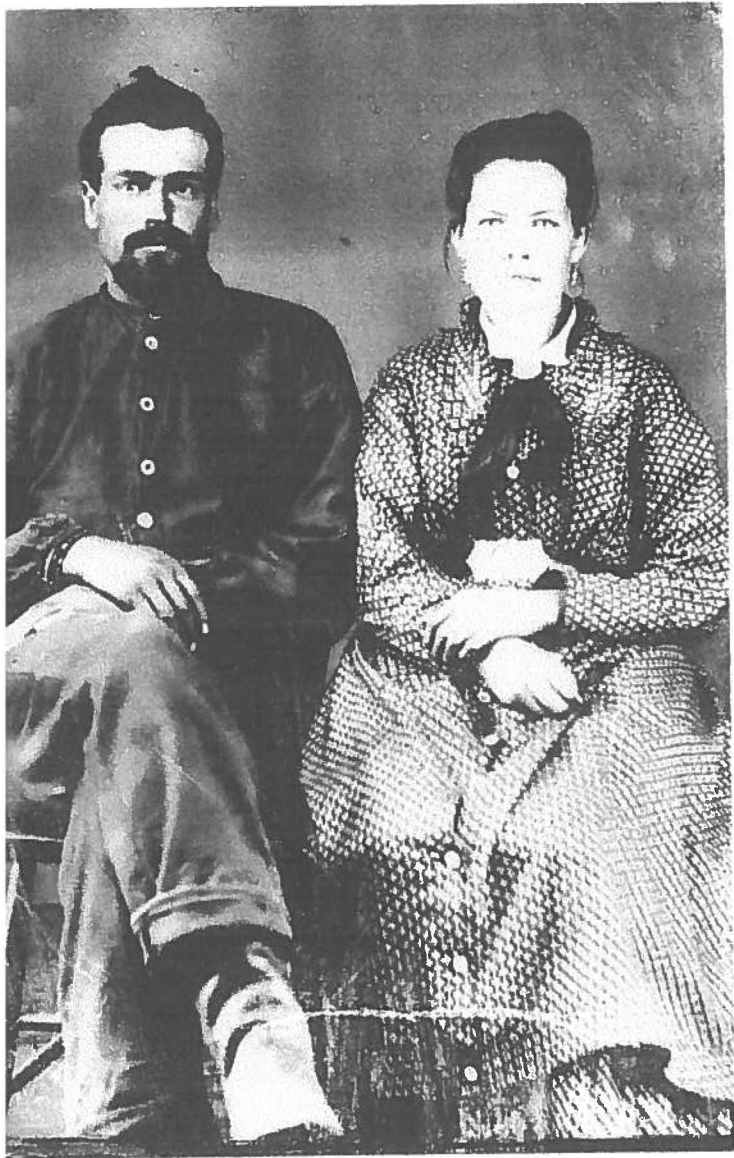
I'm so excited to talk to you and share these photos with. I hope you don't mind me giving you a bit of homework. Ha.

- 1) Grandma John is what is written with this picture. Don't know which Johns wife.
- 2) The wild hair man. Looks like the came from the fields or from Civil War
- 3) Old Woman could very well be Hannah Kuntz, Hiram Johns wife
- 4) Grandma Brown: There is a Cecillia Brown that married Russell Herman Johns (1904-1948), the 1st born son of Alfred Harrison Johns (1877-1952), who is the 1st born son of Burr Johns (1854-?), who is the 1st born son of Alfred Johns (1832-1914). I have no idea why I would have a picture of Cecillia Browns side of the family. I seem to have a mix of things.
- 5) Cute couple; I think this is one of Hiram's sons that never lived to see 1900.
- 6) Jacob Edward, Daniel, Phillip, Lorena (Laura), Hannah Johns
- 7) I think this is William Johns with sons Leander & James
- 8) Daniel & Margaret, Phillip & Margaret Johns
- 9) 4 Unknown guys BUT the man in back on the right looks like the same guy in #5 only older.
- 10) Alfred Johns? Maybe and could #1 be his wife?
- 11) William Johns? 1898 I have another picture of these 2 guys that says John Vinton Gadd and son John Wesley "Horny" Gadd but it's not them
- 12) son of above guy
- 13) George W. & Lydia Kees Johns 1898
- 14) Unknown
- 15) Unknown
- 16) Unknown BUT he sure looks like #10 Alfred Johns?
- 17) Unknown – 1st picture in Mary Johns photo album – young father George?
- 18) Lydia Kees Johns 1890-1895
- 19) Alvin Lincoln Bartholow family, Margaret age 8, Elva Leota age 10, Rachel Gadd age 35, baby Cecil just born, David Franklin age 17, Rosa Belgium age 15
- 20) Unknown
- 21) Unknown
- 22) Unknown
- 23) Unknown - Is that a Sherriff's badge on his coat?
- 24) Unknown
- 25) Unknown
- 26) Unknown
- 27) Unknown
- 28) Daniel & Margaret Johns baby Ora Johns 1895
- 29) Unknown
- 30) Margaret & Phillip Johns – Unknown – Daniel & Margaret Johns 1903
- 31) Unknown
- 32) Unknown 1845-1885 by the way they are dressed
- 33) George W. Johns & maybe brother Alfred Johns – what do you think?

8/27/07

~~I had found out~~

From Laurie Sullivan





1

Grandma John1



2

Grandpa John



3

Image10 TU



4

Grandmother Brown ...



5

Image29 (2)



6

JacobEdward, Daniel, L...



7

WilliamJohns, Leander...



12

JamesHJohns1898



11

WilliamJohns1898



10

AlfredJohns



9

Image036 (2)



8

Margaret, Daniel Johns...



~~1898~~
1898
~~1897~~
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GeorgeWJohn, LydiaK...

Charles Leech copy
Aug. 29. 2007



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Image27



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Image3 TU



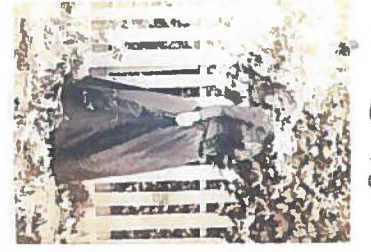
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Image9 TU (2)



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Image046



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LydiaKeesJohn

1890



Bathfield 1904

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Alvin,RachelGadd,Dav...



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Image012



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Image015



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Shops

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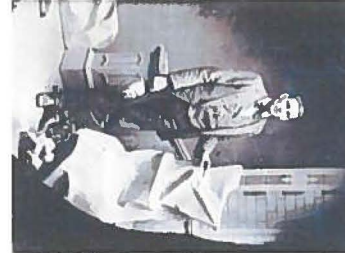
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Image029



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Image040



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Image042



228 1895

Dan,Margaret,Orababy...



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Image041 (2)



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1903Margaret,Phillip,u...



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Image016



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1845 1885



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George,AlfredJohns

34) Johns Family: L-R

1st row:

1) Ora Johns (Daniel's girl), 2) Grace Gadd (Mary's girl), 3) John Westley Gadd (Hannah's boy), 4) Daniel Kees Gadd (Hannah's boy), 5) Alice Johns (Daniel's girl), 6) Clarence Gadd (Hannah's boy), 7) George Westley Johns, 8) John Harrison Stocker (Lorena's boy).

2nd row:

9) Margaret Johns (wife of), 10) Daniel Johns, 11) Mary Johns Gadd (wife of), 12) James Franklin Gadd (called Frank), 13) Lydia Kees Johns, 14) Hannah Johns Gadd (wife of), 15) John Vinton Gadd (called Vint)

3rd row:

16) Phillip Johns, 17) Jacob Edward Johns, 18) F. G. Stocker (Lorena's boy).

How about that? I'm sure your mind is spinning with all these names and faces. I'll let you digest it and when I see you in October, I'll give you some more Johns photos. Ha. Did you catch that I said George W's middle name is Westley? I think it is because Hannah named her son John Westley and the Westley name isn't in the Gadd side of the family. I am only assuming that #8 and #18 are Lorena Johns Stocker's boy and I think this because of the 1900 Census where a grandson Stocker is living with George, Lydia and Edward (Jacob) and Lydia list 7 kids, only 5 are living. Maybe this group photo was taken after Lorena's funeral. Lydia, Mary, Hannah and Margaret didn't get all dressed up for nothing. I'm going to research that date further.

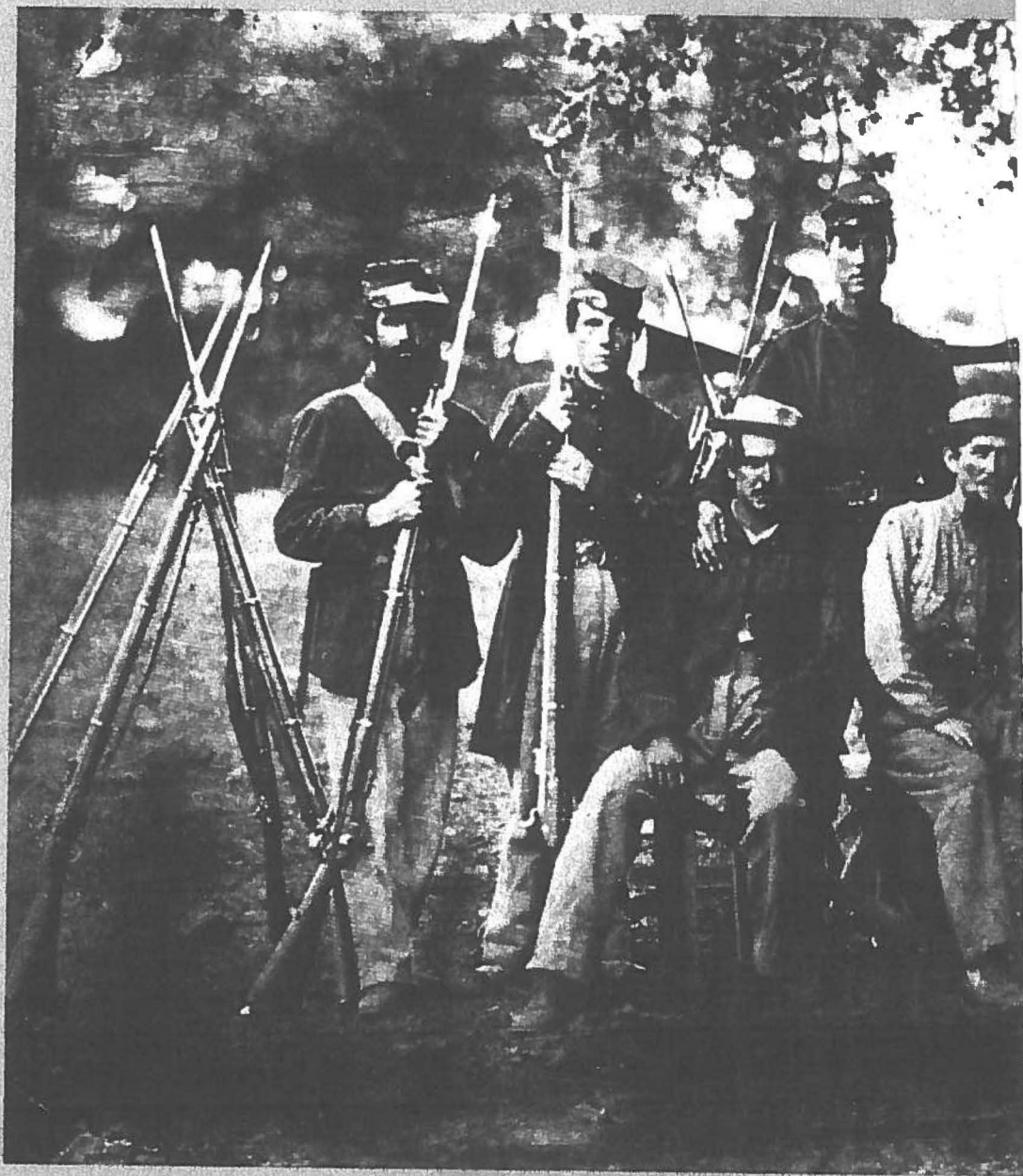
I will call you next week. Email me when you get a chance. Take care.

Your relative in Texas

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Accession/Serial #: OH1580__221 BLM Serial #: OH NO S/N

Names

Patentee: HIRAM JOHN

Survey

State: OHIO

Acres: 40

Metes/Bounds: No

Title Transfer

Issue Date: 8/15/1837

Land Office: Zanesville

Cancelled: No

U.S. Reservations: No

Mineral Reservations: No

Authority: April 24, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566)

Document Numbers

Document Nr.: 10776

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Aliquot Parts	Sec./ Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
NWSW	7/	6-N	3-W	No	U.S. Military Survey	OH	Tuscarawas	

CERTIFICATE
No. 10,776

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *Hiram John* of Tuscarawas County, Ohio

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE** at *Janesville* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Hiram John*

according to the provisions of

the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the North West quarter of the South West quarter of Section seven in Township Six of Range Three of the unappropriated lands in the Military District subject to sale at *Janesville, Ohio* containing *Sixty* acres.

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Hiram John*

NOW KNOW YE, That the

United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**, and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT**, unto the said *Hiram John*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Hiram John*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *Martin Van Buren*

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT**, and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON**, the *fifteenth* day of *August* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty seven* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *Sixty Second*



BY THE PRESIDENT: *Martin Van Buren*

By *A. Van Buren* Sec'y.

J. S. Wilson acting **RECORDER of the General Land Office.**
Ad interim

Certificate.
No. 6270

The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, *Hiram John* of *Harrison County Ohio* has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at *Zanesville* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Hiram John* according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the East half of the South west quarter of section seven in Township six of Range Three of the unappropriated lands in the Military District subject to sale at *Zanesville Ohio* containing *Eighty* acres according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Hiram John*

NOW KNOW YE, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and, by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said *Hiram John* and to his heirs, the said tract above described:

To Have and to Hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and attachments, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said *Hiram John* and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, *Andrew Jackson*

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the *thirteenth* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *twenty five* and of the Independence of the United States the *fifty* month,

By the President:

Elyah Hayward

Andrew Jackson
By *A. J. Donelson* Sec'y

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Accession/Serial #: OH0460__234 BLM Serial #: OH NO S/N

Names

Patentee: HIRAM JOHN

Survey

State: OHIO
 Acres: 80
 Metes/Bounds: No

Title Transfer

Issue Date: 4/30/1835
 Land Office: Zanesville
 Cancelled: No
 U.S. Reservations: No
 Mineral Reservations: No
 Authority: April 24, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566)

Document Numbers

Document Nr.: 6270
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 BLM Serial Nr.: OH NO S/N

Aliquot Parts	Sec./Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
E½SW	7/	6-N	3-W	No	U.S. Military Survey	OH	Tuscarawas	

Accession/Serial #: OH1890__168 BLM Serial #: OH NO S/N

Names

Patentee: WILLIAM JOHN
 Warrantee: HENRY BEDINGER

Survey

State: OHIO
 Acres: 400
 Survey Date: 12/6/1796
 Metes/Bounds: Yes

Title Transfer

Issue Date: 11/15/1797
 Land Office: Ohio
 Cancelled: No
 U.S. Reservations: No
 Mineral Reservations: No
 Authority: August 10, 1790: Scrip Warrant Act of 1790 (1 Stat. 82)

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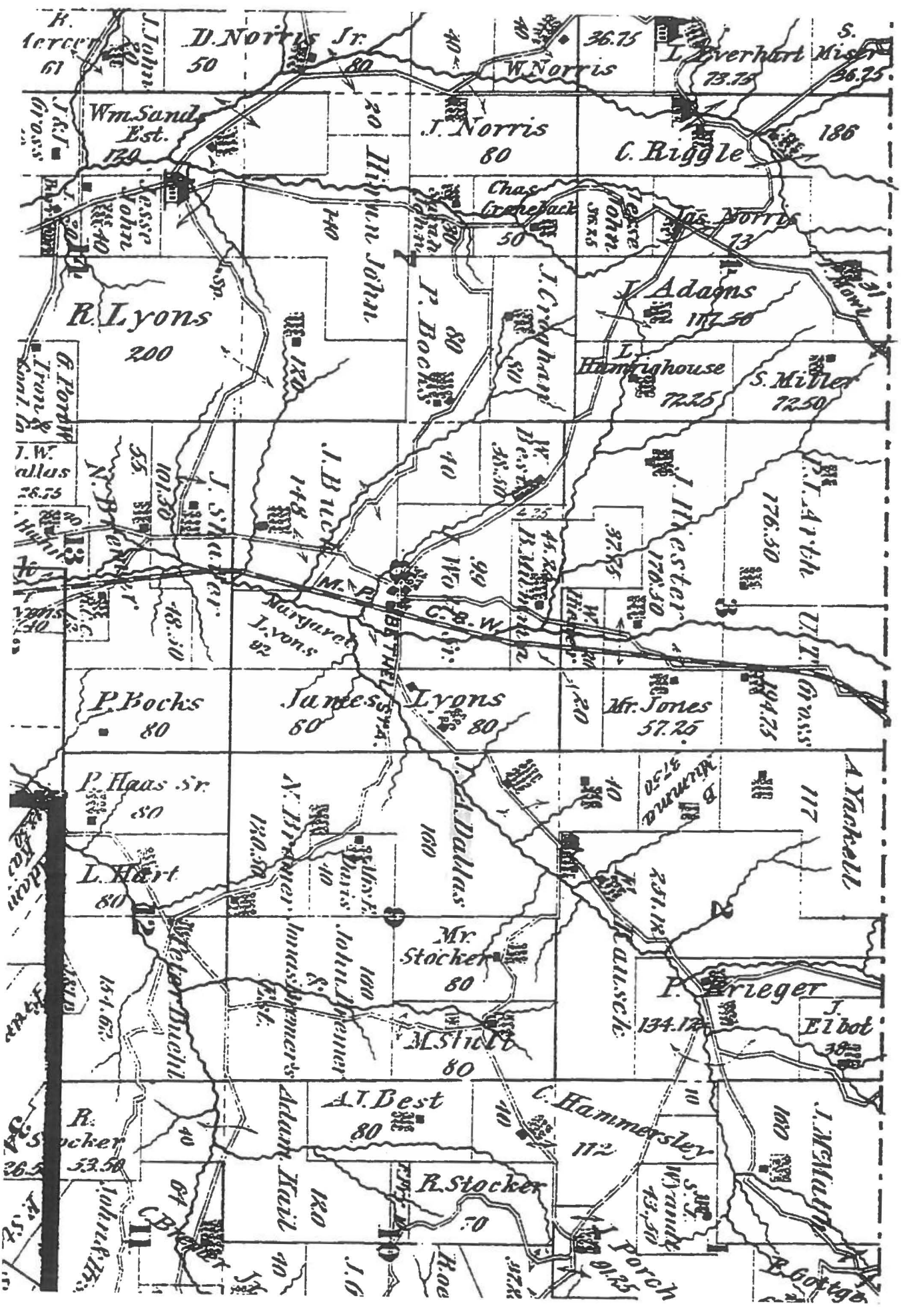
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Aliquot Parts	Sec./Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
/	-	-	No	No Meridian Available	OH			

See William's warrant from 1791 year

MAP OF SAATCHIWAY TOWNSHIP

T. No. 6, R. No. 3.



and Eight hundred and seventy nine, is the
 estate of Hiram John, deceased, in
 Inscarawas County, Ohio, in account
 of the same, which is to be paid as follows:

James Caulte administrator of Hiram John

administrator of
 estate of Hiram John
 administrator of

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General administrator for

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			8	20 00	
			9	60 00	
			10	132 41	
			15		
				<u>321 61</u>	
James John heir			2	54 65	
Jesse John "			3	54 65	
William John "			4	54 65	
George W. John "			5	54 65	
Ellie Cross "			6	54 65	
Mahala Miller "			7	55 45	
Alfred John "			11	56 83	
Guardian of Marshal & Dallas heir			12	18 94	
Eliza J. McFee, heir			13	18 94	
Fanny Dallas "			14	18 94	
					763 96

of our Lord and the Governor of the said Province
 (and) Administrator of the Estate of the said
 in the District Court of the County of ...
 Distribution and Discharge, which is the following.

Discharge Account of Isaac Coates Administrator
 of the Estate of John deceased,

878,	Administrator, Sr.
Oct. 24,	for distribution of ...
877	Administrator, Sr.
March 1,	for ...
78 April 1,	" " " " " "
Aug. 16	" " " " " "
Aug. 31,	" " " " " "
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Oct. 8,	" " " " " "

1	804	807	J 41 Everhart	64	m	Farmer	✓	1500
2			Nancy	60	f			
3	805	808	James Mc'Loomis	25	m	Farm hand	✓	
4			Ellen	17	f			
5			Nathaniel	30	m			
6			Lophia	14	f			
7	806	809	Jacob Bender	33	m			
8			Mary	30	f			
9			John	1	m			
10			Hannah	17	f			
11	817	810	Daniel Watson	62	m	Farmer	✓	600
12			Sarah	24	f			
13	808	811	David Morris	58	m		✓	1000
14			Sarah	25	f			
15			Alford	26	m			
16			Mary	23	f			
17			Yobitha	20	f			
18			Joseph	18	m			
19			Buras	6	m			
20	809	812	Thomas Morris	33	m		✓	
21			Mary	38	f			
22			Sarah	12	f			
23			Francis	10	m			
24			Harriet	6	f			
25			Yobitha	4	f			

14		Colina		f				
15		Jacob	11	m				
16	f17	f20	Chas. Riggle	24	m	Farm hand ✓		200
17		Nancy	22	f				
18		Leland	6 1/2	f				
19	f18	f21	Geo. Devos	29	m	Farmer ✓	1000	300
20		Elizabeth	28	f				
21		Elizabeth	7	f				
22	f19	f22	James Smear	29	m	Teacher ✓	150	150
23		Mahala	26	f				
24		Mary	5	f				
25		John	3	m				
26		Sarah	1 1/2	f				
27	f20	f23	Alex. Chapman	28	m	Farm agent ✓	1600	200
28		Ruth	20	f				
29		Benj.	14	m				
30	f21	f24	Chas. Cronbach	61	m	Farmer ✓	1000	600
31		Chas.	21	m				
32		Elizabeth	25	f				
33		Maryett	9	f				
34		Leatherie	6	f				
35	f22	f25	Jacob Baringer	40	m	Carpenter ✓	300	200
36		Mahinda	35	f				
37		Hannah	6	f				
38		Hiriam	10 1/2	m				
39	f23	f26	H Jones	60	m	Farmer ✓	2000	600
40		Hannah	53	f				

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Dwelling by numbered order of v	Families in in the c visitation	place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color, bl	15 years of age.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Gasper Jones	20	m		
		George	18	m		
		Barbary	16	f		
		James	14	m		
		Elvira	10	f		
824	827	John Croghan	53	m		Farmer ✓
		Mary	56	f		
		William	21	m		
		Catharine	18	f		
		Nancy	16	f		
		Berij	13	m		
		Mary	87	f		
825	828	Peter & Buck	60	m		i ✓
		Elizabeth	58	f		
		Fred	16	m		
		Charles	14	f		
		Jacob Heaster	9	m		✓
826	829	Catharine	46	f		
		Charles	35	m		

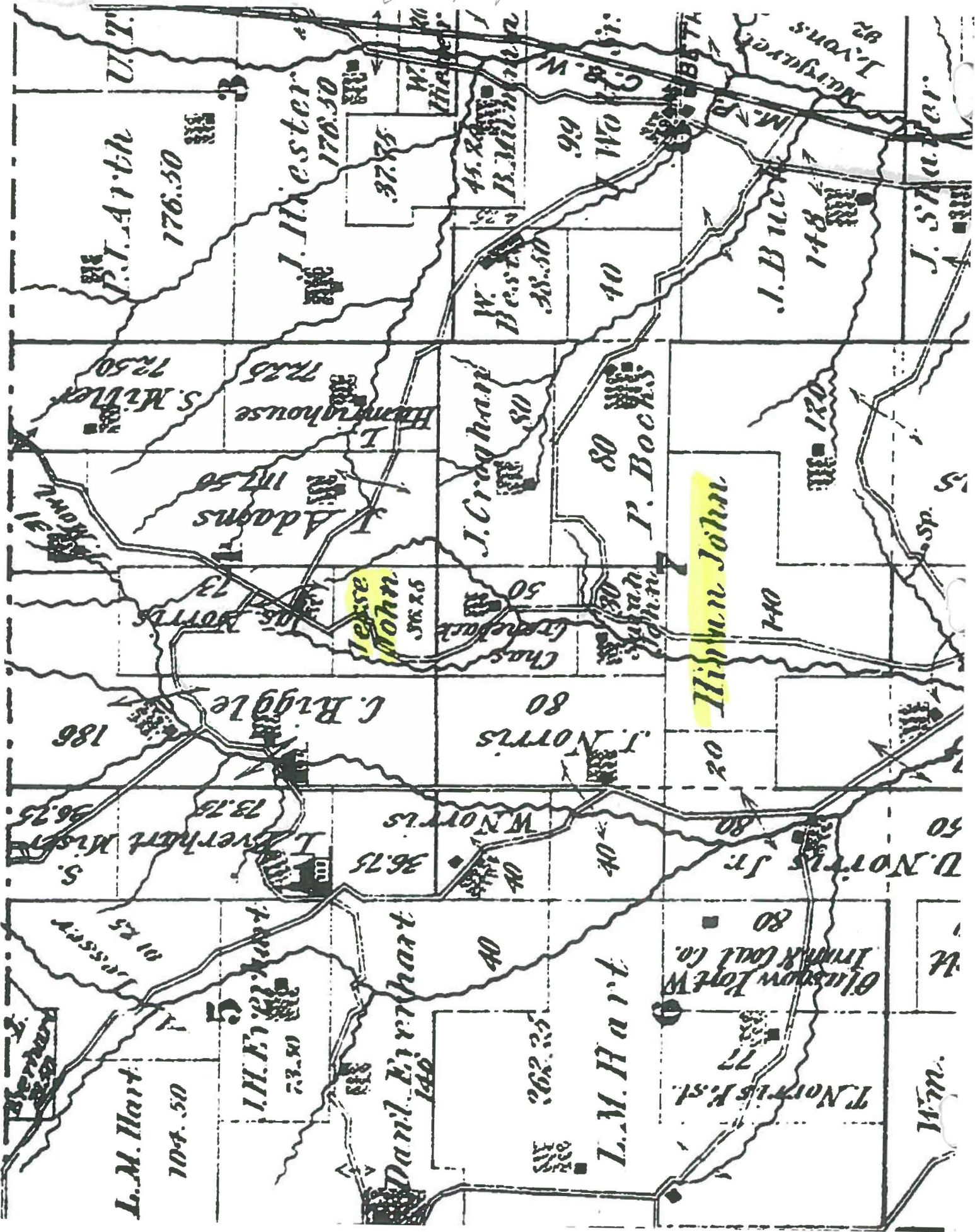
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7	A50	A53	James John	29	m	,	✓	4
8			Octavia	24	f			
9			William	4	m			
10			Sarah	2	f			
11			Wm	22	m			
12	A51	A57	John Shafer	37	m	,	✓	600 2
13			Elizabeth	26	f			
14			George	9	m			
15			Lewis	6	m			
16			Mary	4	f			
17			Sarah	2	f			
18	A52	A55	Erwin Colina	40	m	,	✓	600 2
19			Catherine	38	f			
20			Catherine	17	f			
21			Phoebe	14	f			
22			Hannah	12	f			
23			Mary	5	f			
24	A53	A56	Peter Gaskil	57	m	,	✓	5000 7
25			Mary	53	f			
26			Jemima	19	f			
27			Jane	15	f			
28			Lizzie	12	f			
29	A54	A57	Simon Gaskil	29	m	,	✓	c
30			Jemima	25	f			
31			Merritt	5	f			
32	A55	A58	Daniel Frankbone	53	m	,	✓	4500

afternoon in the course of 1, 2008

1800 - Salem - Tuscarawas - Ohio

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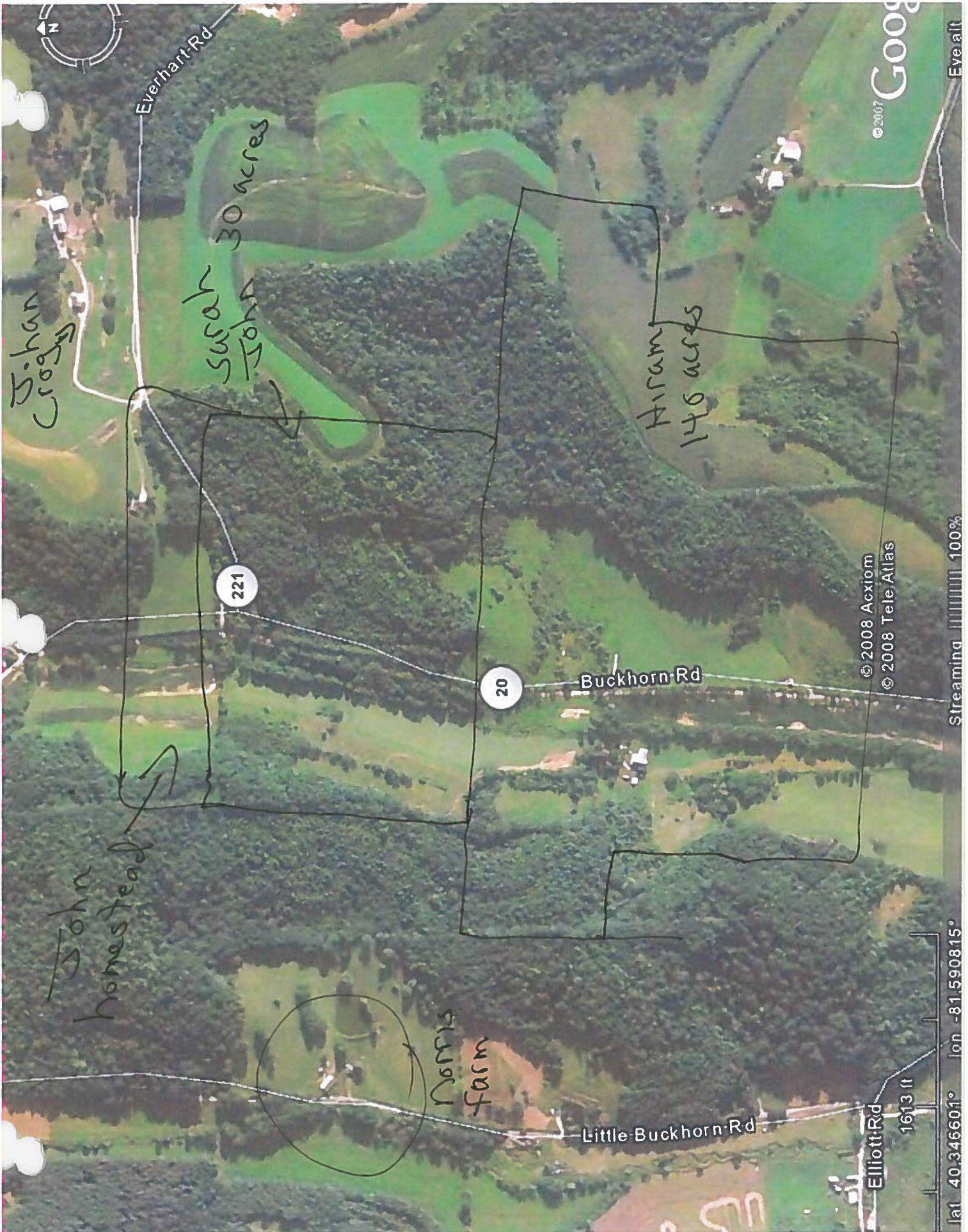


1		Joseph Yumman	19 m		
2	527 534	Brayton W Chapman	24 m	Physician	600
3		Mary B	24 f		
4		Isabella C	17 1/2 f		
5	535	Isabella Spencer	45 f		
6		Sarah C	18 f		
7		Thomas	11 m		
8		Nathan	10 m		
9	528 536	George Miller	33 m	Farmer	1900
10		Nicholas	33 f		
11		Heran J	7 m		
12		Anthony J	5 m		
13		Livonia C	1 f		
14	529 537	Samuel Miller	32 m	Labr	
15		Margaret	30 f		
16		Anthony W	10 m		
17		Andrew J	7 m		
18		George W	5 m		
19		William J	2 m		
20		Sarah C	3 1/2 f		
21	530 538	Henry Decker	29 m	Farmer	80
22		Belinda	30 f		
23		Oyas C	8 m		
24		John P	6 m		
25		Sarah C	4 f		

1



2



John
Crosby

Susan
John
30 acres

Hiram
146 acres

John
homestead

Norris
farm

Everhart Rd

Buckhorn Rd

Little Buckhorn Rd

Elliott Rd

1613 ft

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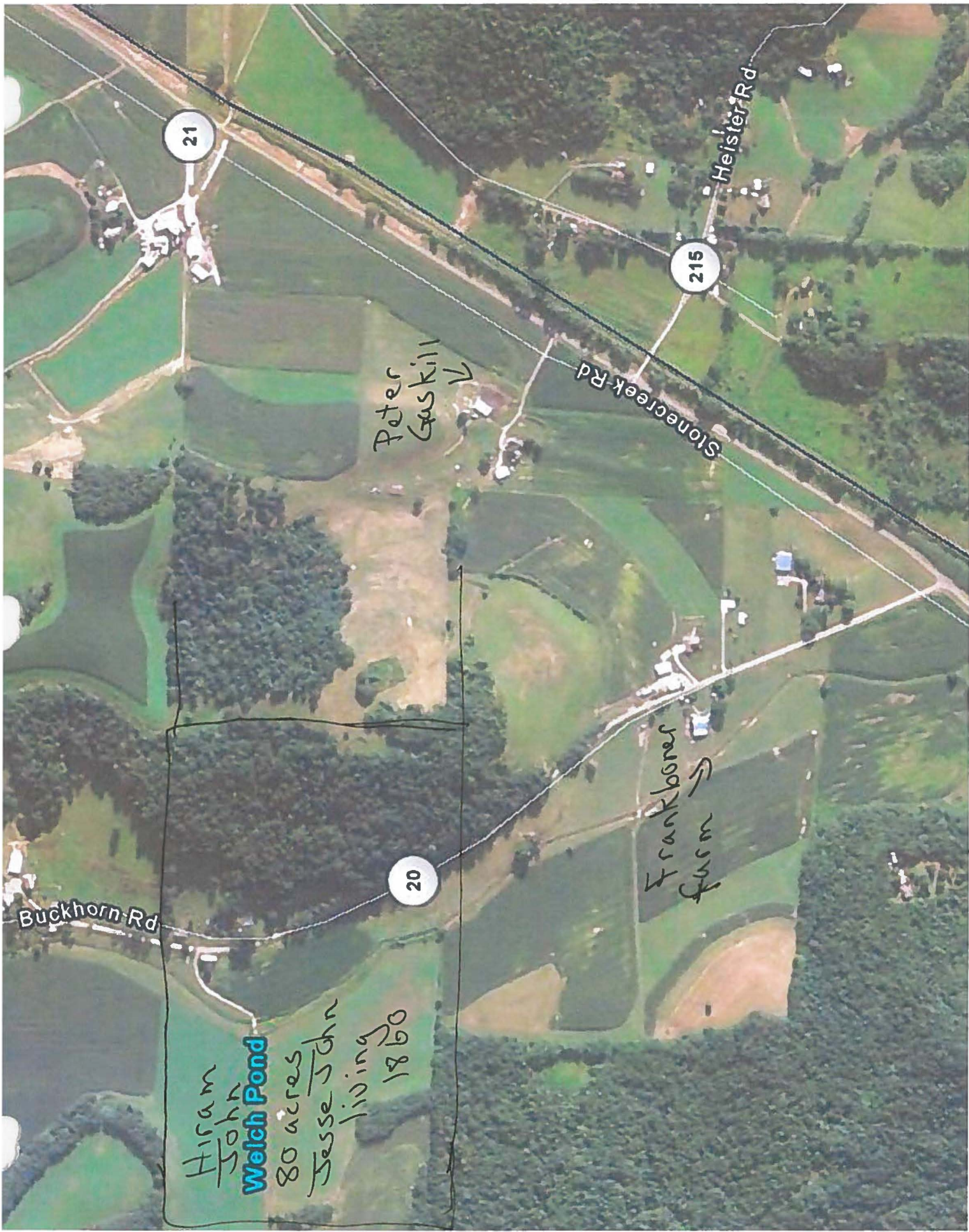
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Peter Gaskill
↓

Stonecreek Rd

Heister Rd

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Frankbomer farm
→

Buckhorn Rd

Hiram John Welch Pond
80 acres
Jesse John living
1860

4



Jesse
John
property
40
acres

Jacob
Barringer
Malinda John

1880 map
20
acres

Bill Johns Rd

Williams Rd

20

Little Buckhorn Rd

Golf Course Ln

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Accession/Serial #: OH1580__221 **BLM Serial #:** OH NO S/N

Names

Patentee: HIRAM JOHN

Survey

State: OHIO
Acres: 40
Metes/Bounds: No

Title Transfer

Issue Date: 8/15/1837
Land Office: Zanesville
Cancelled: No
U.S. Reservations: No
Mineral Reservations: No
Authority: April 24, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566)

Document Numbers

Document Nr.: 10776
Accession/Serial Nr.: OH1580__221
BLM Serial Nr.: OH NO S/N

Aliquot Parts	Sec./Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
NWSW	7/	6-N	3-W	No	U.S. Military Survey	OH	Tuscarawas	



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATE
No. 10,776

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *Hiram John* of *Lisecrawas County, Ohio*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE** at *Fanesville* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Hiram John*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the North West quarter of the South West quarter of section seven in Township Six of Range Three of the unappropriated lands in the Military District subject to sale at *Fanesville Ohio* containing *Sixty* acres.

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Hiram John*

NOW KNOW YE, That the

United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED,** and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT,** unto the said *Hiram John*

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Hiram John*

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *Martin Van Buren*

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT,** and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the *fifteenth* day of *August* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty seven* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *Sixty Second*

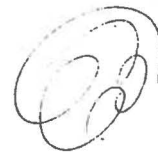


BY THE PRESIDENT: *Martin Van Buren*
By *A. Van Buren* Sec'y.
J. S. Wilson acting **RECORDER** of the General Land Office.
Ed. Johnson

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Certificate.
No. 6270

The United States of America,



To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, *Miram John* of Harrison County Ohio has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at *Janesville* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Miram John* according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the East half of the south west quarter of section seven in Township Six of Range Three of the unappropriated lands in the Military District subject to sale at *Janesville Ohio* containing *Eighty* acres according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Miram John*

NOW KNOW YE, That the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and, by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said *Miram John* and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To Have and to Hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said *Miram John* and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, *Andrew Jackson*

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the *thirtieth* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty five* and of the Independence of the United States the *fifty* month

By the President:

Elyah Hayward

Andrew Jackson

By *A J Donelson* Sec'y

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Accession/Serial #: OH0460__234 **BLM Serial #:** OH NO S/N

Names

Patentee: HIRAM JOHN

Survey

State: OHIO
Acres: 80
Metes/Bounds: No

Title Transfer

Issue Date: 4/30/1835
Land Office: Zanesville
Cancelled: No
U.S. Reservations: No
Mineral Reservations: No
Authority: April 24, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566)

Document Numbers

Document Nr.: 6270
Accession/Serial Nr.: OH0460__234
BLM Serial Nr.: OH NO S/N

Aliquot Parts	Sec./Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
E½SW	7/	6-N	3-W	No	U.S. Military Survey	OH	Tuscarawas	

Accession/Serial #: OH1890__168 BLM Serial #: OH NO S/N

Names

Patentee: WILLIAM JOHN
 Warrantee: HENRY BEDINGER

Survey

State: OHIO
 Acres: 400
 Survey Date: 12/6/1796
 Metes/Bounds: Yes

Title Transfer

Issue Date: 11/15/1797
 Land Office: Ohio
 Cancelled: No
 U.S. Reservations: No
 Mineral Reservations: No
 Authority: August 10, 1790: Scrip Warrant Act of 1790 (1 Stat. 82)

Document Numbers

Document Nr.: 291
 Accession/Serial Nr.: OH1890__168
 BLM Serial Nr.: OH NO S/N

Aliquot Parts	Sec./Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
/	-	-	-	No	No Meridian Available	OH		

See within tract for year

The Eight hundred and seventy nine, and
 the County of Howard John
 Procurement County, Ohio, in account
 charge, which is the following:

Whereunto the administrator of the same

administration, viz.

returned by the said

administrator, viz.

the following list for

Number 1

8 2.00
 9 60.00
 10 132.41

15
 321.61

2 54.65

3 54.65

4 54.65

5 54.65

6 54.65

7 55.45

11 56.83

12 18.94

13 18.94

14 18.94

763.96

763.96

James John Dent
 Isaac John
 William John
 George W. John
 Ellie Cross
 Mahala Allen
 Alfred John
 Trustees of Howard & Dallas
 O. J. M. Co. Rent
 Harry Dallas

of our Lord and Governor and his several executors
 (and) administrators of the County of Mono &c.
 in the District Court of the County of Nevada, State of
 California and his Discharge, which is as follows:

Discharge Account of Bas Coate Administrator
 of Monro John deceased

Year	Month	Day	Administrator
'878	Oct.	24	Bas Coate Administrator
'877	March	1	Bas Coate Administrator
'78	April	1	"
	Aug.	16	"
	Aug.	31	"
	Oct.	8	"
	January	1	James Henry Blair
	"	1	James Blair
	"	1	William Blair
	"	1	George W. Blair
	"	1	Ellie Cross
	April	1	Richard Miller
	August	31	Alfred Jones
	Sept	28	Guardian of Marshal & Dallas heir
	"	28	Reliza J. McFee, heir
	Oct.	8	Tammy Dallas

1	804	807	J 41 Everhart	64	m	Farmer	1800
2			Nancy	60	f		
3	805	801	James Mc'Lennick	25	m	Farm hand	✓
4			Ellen	17	f		
5			Nathaniel	20	m		
6			Lophia	14	f		
7	806	804	Jacob Bender	33	m		
8			Mary	30	f		
9			John	1	m		
10			Hannah	17	f		
11	817	810	Daniel Watson	62	m	Farmer	✓ 600
12			Sarah	24	f		
13	808	811	David Morris	58	m		✓ 1000
14			Sarah	25	f		
15			Alford	26	m		
16			Mary	23	f		
17			Yobitha	20	f		
18			Joseph	18	m		
19			Buras	6	m		
20	809	812	Thomas Morris	33	m		✓
21			Mary	38	f		
22			Sarah	12	f		
23			Francis	10	m		
24			Harriet	6	f		
25			Yobitha	4	f		

1860 Pg. 117 Salem, Tus.

Dwelling by numbered order of v	Families in the visitation	place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color, { bl br	15 years of age.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Gasper Jones	20	m		
		George	18	m		
		Barbary	16	f		
		James	14	m		
		Elvira	10	f		
824	827	John Croghan	53	m		Farmer ✓
		Mary	56	f		
		William	21	m		
		Catharine	18	f		
		Nancy	16	f		
		Benj ^r	13	m		
		Mary	87	f		
825	828	Peter & Buck	60	m		i ✓
		Elizabeth	58	f		
		Fred	16	m		
		Charles	14	f		
		Jacob Heaster	9	m		✓
826	829	Catharine	46	f		
		Charles	35	m		

7	AS3	John	29	m		✓		4
8		Octavia	24	f				
9		William	4	m				
10		Sarah	2	f				
11		Wm	22	m				
12	AS1 AS2	John Shafer	34	m		✓	600	2
13		Elizabeth	26	f				
14		George	9	m				
15	My Family	Lewis	6	m				
16		Mary	4	f				
17		Sarah	2	f				
18	AS2 AS5	Erwin Odine	40	m		✓	600	2
19		Catherine	38	f				
20		Catherine	17	f				
21		Phoebe	14	f				
22		Hannah	12	f				
23		Mary	5	f				
24	AS3 AS6	Peter Gaskil	57	m		✓	5000	7
25		Mary	53	f				
26		Jemima	19	f				
27		Jane	15	f				
28		Lizzie	12	f				
29	AS4 AS7	Simon Gaskil	29	m		✓		
30		Jemima	25	f				
31		Miriam	5	f				
32	AS5 AS8	Daniel Frankbourn	53	m		✓	4500	

Chapter Four

Some Ohio Johns Families

The names of John, with no “s,” and of Johns, with an “s,” are probably Welsh and English in origin, and the original meaning was “...descendant of John (gracious gift of Jehovah).”¹

In the Bethel Cemetery, Salem Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, there are some very old gravestones and some very recent gravestones with the name of John, with no “s,” and others with the name of Johns, with an “s.”² In the Tuscarawas County area, there were, and still are, many individuals with the name of John, with no “s,” and others with the name of Johns, with an “s.”³



Bethel Cemetery, Salem Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. (Family photograph; 2001.)

For several reasons, some of which will become apparent, it is difficult to trace successfully and confidently this line of ancestry into the 1700s. Only from about the early 1800s is this line of ancestry “relatively” clear. Moreover, from the early 1800s until about 1900, the name in this line of ancestry was John, with no “s.” (Whatever the reasons for the addition of the “s” were, such reasons do not seem to be known now.) The early 1800s, then, is the starting point for this chapter. Even so, this starting point is still a long time ago.

In 1803, Thomas Jefferson, only this nation’s third president, was in the

first of his two terms as president (1801-1809). In the same year, Ohio was, it will be recalled, admitted as a state.



In this line of ancestry, the first specific person to be considered in any detail is Hiram John, with no "s."

On January 16, 1804, Hiram John was born.⁴ He was probably born in Virginia.⁵ For an unknown period of time, he might also have lived in Pennsylvania.

Probably in the early 1820s, Hiram John apparently departed from Pennsylvania for Ohio.⁶ Whether he was merely passing through Pennsylvania or actually living in Pennsylvania is not clear. It was then that he probably also came to Harrison County, Ohio. (In 1813, Harrison County was formed; its land area came from Jefferson County to the east and from Tuscarawas County to the west.) It was also probably in Harrison County that he met his bride to be, Hannah.

Hannah was probably born on January 3, 1804, in the area later to be known as Harrison County.⁷ Her maiden name was, at least according to some sources, either Koontz or Hidey, but there are some questions with respect to her name.⁸ In 1825, Hiram John and Hannah were married.⁹

In 1826, Hiram and Hannah John had their first child. In total, they would have 12 children.¹⁰ In their early married life, they apparently lived for a time in Jefferson County.¹¹

*Hiram John, To Hannah Koontz -
Marriage License Issued August 15th 1825
Certificate*

*The State of Ohio
Harrison County*

*I hereby certify that on the 15th of August 1825.
I joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony
Hiram John and Hannah Koontz of lawful
age. Given under my hand and seal this 26
August 1825. Morris Edlough*

Certificate of marriage of Hiram John and Hannah Koontz. (Records, Harrison County Probate Court, Cadiz, Ohio; 1825.)

In 1826, John Quincy Adams was the nation's president. In 1828, Andrew Jackson would defeat President Adams in his reelection bid. Andrew Jackson would become the seventh president, and he would serve two terms (1829-1837).

About 1835, Hiram and Hannah John, with their children at that time, moved to Salem Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Hiram had obtained about 140 acres in the area from the Federal government, and he "...had a sheepskin deed dated 1835 signed by President Andrew Jackson..."¹² This land was about a mile north of the small community of Wolf and about five miles north of Newcomerstown. This area was, at times, referred to as the "Buckhorn" because of the presence of a branch of a small creek known as Buckhorn Creek.

On the newly-acquired land, Hiram John built "a good log house."¹³ He also cleared some of the wooded and hilly land for farming, a tough job in anyone's assignment book. Between 1836 and 1850, Hiram and Hannah would have seven more children to complete the total of 12 children they would have. With children and with farming, it is unlikely that either one of them ever had much easy rocking-chair time.

During the Civil War, Hiram and Hannah John had three sons who served in the army.¹⁴ The service of each of these three sons is noted briefly below.¹⁵

On August 21, 1862, Jasper John and George W. John entered the army together. They became members of the 126th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.¹⁶

Jasper John was "missing in action" on and after May 6, 1864, which was the second day of the historic battle at the Wilderness, Virginia.¹⁷ Subsequent investigations failed "...to elicit any further information relative to..." Jasper John.¹⁸

George W. John served more than two years and nine months in the army.¹⁹ After his discharge, he spent most of his life in the Albany and Newcomerstown areas.²⁰

William John entered the army on March 1, 1865. (William was the oldest of the three John brothers to serve in the army, and he was the only one of them who was married when he entered the army.) He became a member of the 194th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.²¹ He served only about eight months in the army.²² After his discharge, he returned to the family farm near Wolf. (Since William is in the direct line of ancestry involved in this account, more as to him will be stated later in this chapter.)

For some years after the Civil War, Hiram and Hannah John would continue to live and to work on the farm.

On March 7, 1876, Hiram John, more than 72 years of age, died.²³

Died, at his residence, near Haunsburg, March 8 [sic], 1876, Mr. Hiram John, in the 73rd year of his age, and was followed by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances to his last resting place in Bethel Cemetery. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved ones, and trust their loss is his eternal gain. They cannot mourn as those who have no hope.²⁴

Hannah lived another five years. On May 8, 1881, she, more than 77 years of age, died.²⁵ Each was buried at the Bethel Cemetery.²⁶ (The stone for the graves of Hiram and Hannah was located, but it is very weathered and worn by the elements and time.)



Gravestone of Hiram John and Hannah John at Bethel Cemetery, Salem Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Most of the inscriptions on this stone are not very legible, but, at the top of the stone, the name of Hannah is still quite legible. (Family photograph; 2001.)

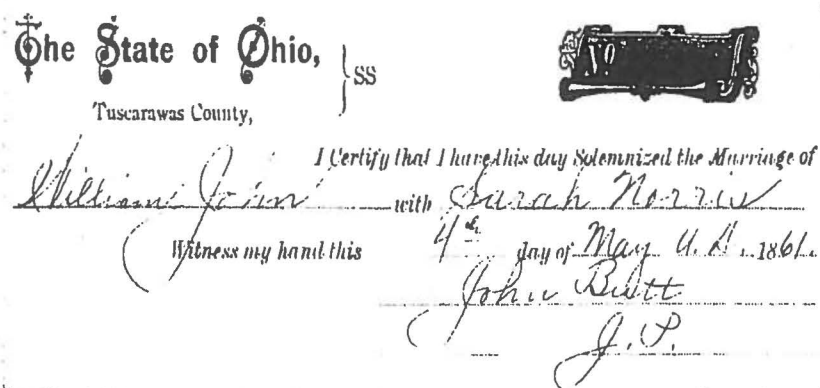


Gravestone of Hiram John and Hannah John at Bethel Cemetery, Salem Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. This photograph of the lower part of the same stone clearly reveals the name of John, with no "s." (Family photograph; 2001.)



William John has previously been mentioned in this account. He was born on July 31, 1837, and he was the seventh child born to Hiram and Hannah John.

On or about May 4, 1861, less than a month after the Civil War had started at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, William John married Sarah Elizabeth Norris.²⁷ The marriage reportedly took place in New



Certificate of marriage of William John and Sarah Norris. (Records, Tuscarawas County Probate Court, New Philadelphia, Ohio; 1861.)

Philadelphia, the county seat of Tuscarawas County.²⁸ Whether the beginning of the Civil War actually hastened, as the beginnings of wars often do, this marriage is not known, but one might well speculate that it did. About 1862, and long before William entered the army, he and Sarah Elizabeth had their first child, Melinda Alice.

On March 1, 1865, at Port Washington, Ohio, William John enlisted in the army.²⁹ (He was five feet, nine inches in height; he had a “dark” complexion, “hazel” eyes, and “auburn” hair.³⁰) He was sent to Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, where the 194th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was being organized. On March 9th, he was “mustered” into the 194th.³¹ Shortly after the 194th was organized, it departed from Camp Chase, and it was beyond the borders of Ohio about the middle of March. On March 20th, the 194th “passed through” Cumberland, Maryland, which is in the far western area of Maryland.³² The 194th was going southeast to Charles Town, West Virginia, which is in an area close to Virginia. The 194th was assigned to Major-General Thomas W. Egan’s Division, “...composed of one Brigade of Eastern and one Brigade of Western Troops....”³³ In late March, the 194th was in the Shenandoah Valley. Shortly thereafter, on March 31st, William was assigned to “...detached duty with ambulance corps... by order of Bvt. Maj.-Gen. Egan....”³⁴

With the benefit of 20-20 hindsight, one now knows that the Civil War was nearing its end when William John entered the army on March 1, 1865. At that time, however, the view was much different.

In March, 1865, “...neither the South nor the Union knew with certainty when or how the war might end....”³⁵ By “...the eve of April 1865....,” the Civil War “...was not over. Not by a long shot....”³⁶ Even when Richmond, Virginia, the Confederate capital, fell on April 3, 1865, “...the national nightmare was still far from over. As far as Lincoln could tell, the

bloodshed could go on for months, even longer, if not on an organized battlefield, then on deadly guerilla terrain....”³⁷ On April 9, 1865, when Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, the Civil War did not automatically come to an end.

...Grant was acutely aware that on this day, what had occurred was the surrender of one army to another - not of one government to another.... The war was still very much on. There were a number of potentially troubling rebel commanders in the field. And there were still some 175,000 other Confederates under arms elsewhere: one-half in scattered garrisons and the rest in the three remaining rebel armies....³⁸

On April 10, 1865, the day after Lee’s surrender of his army to Grant, Lee and Grant talked: “...Lee said to me [Grant] that the South was a big country and that we might have to march over it three or four times before the war entirely ended....”³⁹ After Lincoln was shot on April 14th and died the next day, the Civil War’s end undoubtedly seemed even more distant.

...[T]he shooting, and dying, and the war continued....

...The situation across the country was now volatile: since Lincoln’s assassination the North was ablaze with fury at the South; hysteria was widespread; Jefferson Davis was still at large, calling for further resistance; and sporadic fighting was ongoing....⁴⁰

Without the benefit of 20-20 hindsight, William John probably could not have known that the Civil War was nearing its end when he enlisted in the army on March 1, 1865, and for some time thereafter.

As noted previously, William was detached from the 194th and assigned to the ambulance corps on March 31, 1865. This detached duty assignment apparently continued through June 30, 1865.⁴¹

During April of this 1865 period of William’s detached duty assignment, he became afflicted with rheumatism in his left arm and shoulder. In July, he returned from his detached duty assignment to duty with the 194th.⁴² About July, he became afflicted with the then rather common, but no less distressful, condition of diarrhea. In August, he still had this condition, which, in fact, had worsened. About August, the 194th “...was ordered to Washington City, where it... [performed] garrison duty....”⁴³ About early September, William was sent to the hospital in Washington City because of his severe diarrhea. While he was in the hospital, he became afflicted with jaundice and vertigo. It seems likely that he, even when in the hospital, would have been assigned duties of some type. At some time in October, probably the middle of the month, he

was released from the hospital. After his release from the hospital, it is not clear whether he performed any additional garrison duty in Washington City with the 194th, which continued to perform "...garrison duty until October 24, 1865, when it was mustered out in accordance with orders from the War Department."⁴⁴

On October 24, 1865, the 194th was mustered out at Washington City, and William John was mustered out with his company on the same date. On October 30th, William was discharged, probably at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio. On October 31st, he apparently got home to Sarah Elizabeth on the family farm near Wolf. Trick or treat!

William was, once again, a farmer. He much preferred being a farmer to being a soldier. William and Sarah Elizabeth would work and live on the farm for many years. There would, however, be many difficult times, both economically and other, ahead for them.

One of those difficult times occurred just shortly after William's return from the army to the farm. Sadly, Melinda Alice, only about age three, died.

On August 20, 1866, President Andrew Johnson "formally declared" the end of the Civil War.⁴⁵ "...In effect, this [Johnson's proclamation] mark[ed]... the official end of the Civil War, but extremists on both sides of the political spectrum continue[d] to stir up discontent."⁴⁶

William and Sarah Elizabeth had a second child, a boy, and this son was named Jasper after William's "missing" brother.⁴⁷ Over about the next 15 years, William and Sarah Elizabeth would have five more children: Leander M. Johns, who would later live on Canal Street, Newcomerstown; Sarah E. "Pet" (Johns) Best, who would later live on Neighbor Street, Newcomerstown; Ola B. (Johns) Leech, who would later live on Main Street, Newcomerstown; James H. Johns, who would later live in numerous places, including several places in Newcomerstown, but his whereabouts were not always neatly defined; Lillie M. (Johns) Millburn, who would later live on Main Street, Newcomerstown.⁴⁸

As noted previously in this account, one economic national crisis followed another for about the next 25 years, and farmers were generally hard-pressed economically.

In 1873, the mad dash for riches that followed the Civil War ended in a prolonged slump that ground on for six interminable years....

...

...[The year of 1884] would prove to be a pivotal year for the country, marked by bank failures and panics....

...

The depression heralded by the June 1893 stock-market crash was one of such excruciating length, such grinding and unrelieved misery, that economic historians labeled it the Great Depression until that title was usurped in the 1930s.... [M]any people wondered whether America had paid too dear a price for the industrialization that had so quickly propelled it from an agrarian society to a world economic power.⁴⁹

Throughout all of these difficult economic times, William and Sarah Elizabeth remained members of the dwindling “agrarian society.”

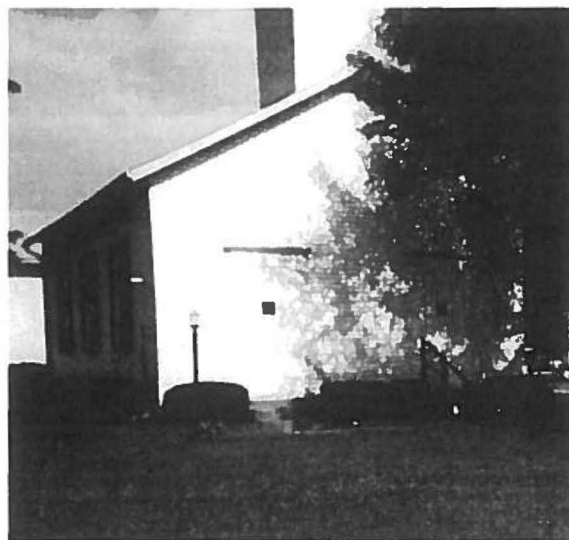
In the post-Civil War years, there were also medical problems for William. While his service in the army had been relatively brief in duration, he had developed a number of medical problems during that time. His health would never again be as good as when he entered the army.

...Prior to his [William’s] enlistment [,] ... he was a sound robust man & free from ... [disabilities]....⁵⁰

...[William] was, and allways [sic] has been [,] a man of sober habits, and was considered a very healthy man [before he went into the army]. He was a good soldier allways [sic] ready for duty... [until he became ill while in the army]....⁵¹

From time to time, he had some particularly troublesome bouts with his army-related medical problems. As he grew older, these problems caused him increasing difficulties.

Despite William’s continuing medical problems, he and Sarah Elizabeth had busy lives. With the rearing of their children and with farming, their lives could hardly have been otherwise. They and their children were also active members of the M.E. Society in Wolf.



Church, Wolf, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. This building was reportedly built in 1871. It seems likely that William John, Sarah Elizabeth (Norris) John, and their children attended this church. (Family photograph; 2001.)

By the early 1880s, the medical problems that William had developed in the army became more severe. About the late 1880s, William began the process of seeking a partial disability pension as a result of those problems. By way of affidavits, declarations, and other documents, William basically stated in effect as follows: that he served some of his army time in the Shenandoah Valley; that about April, 1865, he became afflicted with rheumatism in his left arm and shoulder; that about July, 1865, he developed diarrhea; that about September, 1865, he was sent to a hospital in Washington, D.C.; that while he was in the hospital, he contracted jaundice and vertigo; that these medical conditions and their adverse effects were continuing.⁵²

Some of William's former comrades, who also were long-time neighbors, additionally stated in their respective affidavits:

...[After William developed diarrhea] I could see that his [William's] color began to change and that he began to loose [sic] flesh. We were on the Shenandoah Valley. Our reg. was distributed from Summit Point to Stephenson at that time. [Summit Point is in West Virginia, and Stephenson is in Virginia, but both are near the West Virginia and Virginia line.] Our reg. was sent to Washington about the 20 or 25 of July.... [During this period William was ill with diarrhea.] All this time he did not asked [sic] to be excused from duty although urged to give up and go to the hospital....⁵³

...Soldier [William] while in the line of his duty and without fault or improper conduct on his part at or near Summit Point in the State of Virginia [probably West Virginia] about the summer of 1865 [probably April] incurred or contracted rheumatism caused by exposure and hardships incident to the service....⁵⁴

...[About July, 1865, at Stephenson's Station, Virginia, William] contracted chronic diarrhea. He became so much worse and weaker that about the first of September 1865, that he was compelled [sic] to go to the hospittal [sic] at Washington City. While in hospittal [sic] he became afflicted with jaundice and vertigo. He was very dizzie [sic] [, and he] would some times stagger and fall down....⁵⁵

...[William] has been disabled about 3/4 of his time for the performance of manual labor on an average from the time he came home from said [army] service up to the present time.⁵⁶

As time passed and as William's age increased, his physical condition continued to deteriorate. In 1890, a physician stated in an affidavit:

...[William] becomes less able to perform manual labor from year to year... I do not consider him capacitated for the performance of manual labor at least not more than one fourth of his time.⁵⁷

In 1896, a former comrade and long-time neighbor stated in an affidavit:

...[William has been ill since he returned from the army] but of later years more constant and severely - being at times entirely disabled to perform any manual labor whatsoever on account of said disabilities [from his army service]...⁵⁸

By the spring of 1898, William's physical condition had worsened considerably. On April 28, 1898, a physician listed many of William's medical problems and concluded in an affidavit:

...[William] is aged beyond his years.... [He] is totally incapacitated for the performance of manual labor....⁵⁹

On the same date, April 28, 1898, a second physician listed many of William's medical problems and concluded in an affidavit:

...[William] is practically and totally incapacitated for the performance of manual labor. He is about sixty years old - but looks fully seventy or seventy-five.⁶⁰

About a week later, on May 3, 1898, another physician stated in an affidavit:

...His [William's] form bent, and shoulders depressed. The body emaciated, muscles flabby, skin sallow and dry, arteries hardened... [I]rritable condition of digestive tract... [Also symptoms] of rheumatism... [W]eak heart and easy of excitement with a murmur... [Vertigo] attacks are frequent.... Said soldier's disability is total.⁶¹

On that same May 3, 1898, still another physician listed many of William's medical problems and concluded in an affidavit:

...[William's] skin is clammy and cold this warm day indicating a very feeble circulation of the capillary [sic] circulation. In my opinion his incapacity to perform manual labor is totally.⁶²

On December 17, 1898, William died.⁶³ The death records stated, rather simply and vaguely, that the cause of death was "heart trouble."⁶⁴

The physician who had been treating William later stated in effect as follows: that he had been treating William since June 24, 1898; that his initial diagnosis was that William showed "...light symptoms of angina pectoris..."; that he then "...treated...[William] on that diagnosis until his death...[and] the immediate cause of death was paralysis of the heart, following an attack of angina pectoris..."⁶⁵

At the time of William's death, he was only a little more than 61 years of age.⁶⁶ He was buried at the Bethel Cemetery. His gravestone uses the name of Johns, with the "s." (His will dated January 24, 1893, uses the name of John, with no "s."⁶⁷ Some of the official records relating to his death also use the name of John, with no "s."⁶⁸) (When the scribe recently visited the Bethel Cemetery, a small American flag and a small G.A.R. decorative piece were on a small rod at William's grave.)

When William died, Sarah Elizabeth owned 20 acres of the then 120-acre farm in her own name, and she had a "life interest" in the remaining 100 acres. (The 120-acre farm, including the buildings, was estimated to have a total value of about \$3,360.00.) Much of the land was wooded and was "...rough and hilly and... [could] be only used at considerable disadvantage for agricultural purposes..."⁶⁹ There were only about 39 acres under cultivation: corn, ten acres; wheat, twelve acres; oats, six acres; hay, ten acres; potatoes, one acre.⁷⁰ There was also a more-or-less typical farm garden for some of the family's food. Some of the land was also used for grazing by the farm's animals. There were seven head of cattle, nineteen sheep, a couple of hogs, two horses, and some chickens.⁷¹ "...Just a week before my husband died he bought ten head of sheep on time and they were brought home the Monday before he died..." and Sarah Elizabeth had to pay for them at \$3.00 per sheep for a total of \$30.00.⁷² She had debts of \$735.00, including \$550.00 to her son Leander for his share on the crops.⁷³

After William's death, several long-time neighbors gave affidavits and depositions in support of Sarah Elizabeth's claim for a Civil War widow's pension. The statements made by one long-time neighbor in an affidavit dated May 15, 1899, are fairly typical of other statements made in those documents:

...[T]hat all the [real] property owned by claimant [Sarah Elizabeth] or in which she has any interest is about 120 acres of land...; that her [Sarah Elizabeth's] income from all sources is considerable [sic] less than eight dollars per month since January 1899; that her means of support since that date is derived from the proceeds of said farm aided by her own labor, and the contributions of others not legally bound for her support; that said farm is worked on the shares and after paying taxes, insurance[,] and other expenses from her share she

has very little left[,] and it is by her own labor that she is able to make a living at all; Soldier [William] also left a small amount of personal property[,] chiefly agricultural implements and farm stock of the probable value of two hundred and seventy five dollars and also household goods[,] just sufficient for housekeeping. [William's personal property was later appraised at a value of \$343.50.]...

With the continuing help of many members of her family, Sarah Elizabeth would continue to work and to live on the farm. Her Civil War widow's pension would help in providing the bare essentials, but there would continue to be few frills.

By about 1900, the name of Johns, with the "s," was being used more frequently, but not consistently, than the name of John, with no "s," in this line of ancestry. In some instances, too, the name of John, with no "s," continued to be used in this line of ancestry simply because it had initially been so entered in governmental records.

For about 17 years after William's death, Sarah Elizabeth continued to work and to live on the farm. On November 13, 1915, she died.⁷⁴ Her death occurred "...on the old home place near Wolf, Tuscarawas County..." (Obituary, *The Newcomerstown News* (November 15, 1915).) In an unidentified obituary, the circumstances of her death were noted in some detail.

... Although she [Sarah Elizabeth] had been in failing health for more than a year past, her death came with startling suddenness. During the day her daughters, Mrs. Ola Leech and Mrs. Lillie Millburn from Newcomerstown had been at their mother's side, and they found her cheerful and happy, better physically, apparently, than she had seemed in many a day.

After a happy evening together all retired, serenely unconscious of an impending crisis. At 11:30 the mother stirred uneasily, and the daughter at her side asked if she were ailing. The mother replied quietly that she felt some pain in the region of her heart, and that she feared that her malady might be returning. In a half hour she was dead. Her hour had come, and the loving ministrations of friends at her side were unavailing.

The same unidentified obituary also referred in some detail to her birth, marriage, descendants, and other aspects of her life.

... [After Sarah Elizabeth's marriage to William,] her home was thenceforth to be either on the farm on which she died, or on an adjoining farm. Both farms had been purchased by the Johns [sic] ancestors many years before.

... [Sarah Elizabeth's many descendants were] left to mourn a pious, loving ancestor.

Mother Johns was converted early in life at the old Union Church, and for forty years past has been a devoted member of the M.E. Society at Wolf. Like nearly all the descendants of the pioneers, her life had been of rugged service. Like these people she early learned the lessons of helpfulness, and no tasks were too hard or too long if they gave promise of bringing comfort to others. Best of all, she early found the Christian life to be the only safe anchor of hope. As she lived, so she passed beyond trusting in this hope.

Sarah Elizabeth was buried next to William at the Bethel Cemetery.⁷⁵



Gravestone of William Johns and Sarah Elizabeth (Norris) Johns at Bethel Cemetery, Salem Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. (Family photograph; 2001.)



Of the seven children of William and Sarah Elizabeth (Norris) Johns, attention now turns to Ola B. (In some materials, Ola B. is given the first name of Olivia, Ollie, or Oleva.⁷⁶ For several reasons, Ola will be used here: first, most of the references are to Ola; second, the scribe never heard her called anything but Ola; third, Ola is used on her gravestone. The "B." stands for Belle; some references have an "e," and some other references do not have an "e." As far as the scribe can recall, she also always stated that her maiden name was Johns, with the "s.")

On December 11, 1876, Ola B. Johns was born on the family farm near Wolf, Tuscarawas County. (Most references simply state that she was born in Tuscarawas County; a few references state that she was born in Buckhorn.) She grew up on the family farm. She was a farm girl.

On December 25, 1896, Ola B. Johns married Samuel Ferguson Leech, a farm boy from the nearby Bakersville area. Of Ola B. (Johns) Leech and of her married life with Samuel Ferguson Leech, more will be stated in Chapter Five.

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Ola John Leck

Sec'y

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 Mrs. Elvira Stacker
 Mrs. Wesley Ames.
 Mrs Wesley Ames.
 William Johns
 Mrs. William Johns.
 Clifford Johns.
 Luther Johns.
 Mr. Jasper Johns.
 Mrs. Jasper Johns
 Clarence Johns.
 Fred Johns.
 Grant Johns
 Max Johns.
 Donald Johns.
 Mr. Emmett Steffey.
 Mrs Emmett Steffey
 Charlotte Steffey.
 Jesse May Steffey.
 Clarence Steffey.
 Ed Cronbach.
 Mrs. Ed Cronbach
 Harrison Booth
 Mrs. Harrison Booth
 Edmund Booth
 Lucile Booth
 Uva Mears.
 Mrs. Uva Mears.
 Mrs. Vinton Gadd.
 Mr. Dan Gadd.
 Frank Gadd
 Mrs. Frank Gadd.
 Charles Carr.
 Mrs. Chas. Carr.

William Johns
Mary Johns
Sally Johns
Carl Johns.
Emery Keffler
Mrs Emery Keffler.
Ed Miller
Mrs Ed Miller
Homer Ripley
Mrs Homer Ripley
Chester Ripley.
George Johns
Mrs George Johns.
Ester Johns.
Effie Johns
Charles Johns.
Justa Johns.
Audra Johns.
Lester Johns.
Dan Kees
Mrs Dan Kees.
Olyde Kees
Wilma Kees.
Homer Casbeer, Sr.
Mrs Homer Casbeer.
Homer Casbeer Jr.
Kollin Stocker
Mrs Kollin Stocker, John Stocker.
Dan Johns
Mrs Dan Johns
Mrs Frank Hicks
Pauline Hicks
Tom Hicks
Edgar Johns
Mrs Edgar Johns
Francie Johns.

September, 18th - 1919

Mrs. Joe Johns |
 Paul Johns. |
 Walter Kellup Kuy |
 Mrs. Walter Kellup Kuy |
 Mr. Leander Johns. |
 Mrs. Leander Johns |
 Erwin Johns |
 Lorin Johns |
 Lucile Johns |
 Kenneth Johns |
 Ray Johns Sr. |
 Mrs. Ray Johns |
 Ray Johns Jr. |
 Grant Best |
 Mrs. Grant Best |
 Chester Best. |
 Gust Johns |
 Mrs. Gust Johns |
 M. Clellan Ross. |
 Mrs. M. Clellan Ross. |
 Harry Johns |
 Mrs. Wacey Johns |
 Kenneth Johns |
 Helen Johns |
 Arthur Johns |
 Ralph Johns |
 Phillip Johns |
 Mrs. Phillip Johns |
 Beatrice Johns |
 Phyllis Johns |
 Charley Milburn |
 Mrs. Charley Milburn |
 Dale Milburn |
 John William Milburn |
 Leander Norris |
 C. C. |

Mrs. S
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Mr. Sarah Norris
Sam Leech
Mrs. Sam Leech
Corissa Leech
Eunice Leech
Charles Leech
C. W. Meyers
Hazel Johns.
Jim Johns.
Warren Miller.
Mrs. Warren Miller
Mr. F. L. Mumma
Mrs. Mumma
Ollie Mumma
Mabel Mumma
Wallis Johns
Arthur Miller
Lena Miller
Arthur S. Johns.
Raymond Johns.

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Louis Virginia May	

1917.

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Thelma Marie Carver	May, 27, 1917
Margaret Lucile Cronbach	May, 21, 1917

1918.

Marjorie Marcelle Johns
 Gladis Mae Johns
 Ruth Elaine Leechman
 Helen Mae Cronbach
 Standing Carr
 Robert Leo Vanwickle

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1917

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1918.

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Bert Johns.
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	Dracy, Amos		
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	Harry, Whitch		
Mrs.	Harry, Whitch		
	Bernice, Whitch		
	Tomie, Miller		1
Mr.	Edwin, Reily		
	George, Reily		
	Lewis, Reily		
Mrs.	Thornilla, Miller		
	Otis, Miller		
Mrs.	Otis, Miller		
	Margaret, Miller		
	Miller		
	William, Johns		1
Mrs.	William, Johns		1
	Luther, Johns		1
	Clifford, Johns		1
	Walter, Kelp		1
Mrs.	Walter, Kelp		1
	Jasper, Johns		1
Mrs.	Jasper, Johns		1
	Clarence, Johns		1
	Fred, Johns		1
	Donald, Johns		1
	Grant, Johns		1
	Max, Johns		1
Mrs.	Grant, Best		1
	Chester, Best		1
	Leander, Johns		1
Mrs.	Leander, Johns		1
	Corwin, Johns		1
	Lorin, Johns		1
	Lucile, Johns		1
	Kenneth, Johns		1
	Ada, Mearns		1
Mrs.	Ada, Mearns		1

	George,	Johns,	1
Mrs.	George,	Johns,	1
	Charlie	Johns	1
	Hayel,	Johns,	
	Lucier,	Johns	1
	Justa,	Johns,	1
	Andra,	Johns,	1
Mrs.	Homer,	Cashen	
	Homer,	Cashen,	
	Loyld,	Cashen,	
	Justa,	Johns,	1
Mrs.	Justa	Johns,	1
Mrs.	John,	Hinds	1
	Francis,	Hinds	1
	Robert	Hinds	1
	Jim	Johns,	1
Mrs.	Jim,	Johns,	1
	William	Johns	1
	Mary,	Johns,	1
	Earl,	Johns,	1
	Sallie,	Johns	1
	Emmet	Steffey	1
Mrs.	Emmet,	Steffey	1
	Clarence	Steffey	1
	Charlotti	Steffey	1
	Jessie May,	Steffey	1
	George,	Steffey,	1
	Luigi	Johns	
Mrs.	Luigi	Johns,	
	Homer,	Ripley	1
Mrs.	Homer,	Ripley	1
	Chester	Ripley	1
	Jim	Johns	1
Mrs.	Jim	Johns,	1
	Byron	Johns,	1
	Ray,	Johns	1
Mrs.	Ray,	Johns	1

August 27, 1916.

	Emery, Kuffer	/
Mrs.	Emery, Kuffer	/
	Dan, Johns	
Mrs.	Dan, Johns	
	Rollin, Stöcker	
Mrs.	Rollin, Stöcker	
	John, Stöcker	
Mrs.	Krank, Madd.	
	Edgar, Johns	/
Mrs.	Edgar, Johns	/
	Francis, Johns	/
Mrs.	Charlie, Milburn	/
	Dale, Milburn	/
	John William, Milburn	/
	Harry, Johns	/
Mrs.	Harry, Johns	/
	Evelyn, Johns	
	Dan, Kue	
Mrs.	Dan, Kue	
	Clyde, Kue	
	Edna, Kue	
	Ed, Miller	
Mrs.	Ed, Miller	/
	Harrison, Booth	/
Mrs.	Harrison, Booth	/
	Edmund, Booth	/
	Lucile, Booth	/
	Ed, Johns	/
Mrs.	Ed, Johns	/
	Paul, Johns	/
	Millie, Johns	
	Georgia, Johns	
	Harold, Johns	
	Joe, Lader	/

	Amada,	Harris	
	Huber	Harris	1
Mrs.	Huber,	Harris	1
	Louis Virginia,	Harris	1
	Samuel,	Luch	1
Mrs.	Samuel,	Luch	1
	Corliss,	Luch	
	Emmie	Luch	
	Charlie,	Luch	1
	Paul,	Wilcox	
Mrs.	Ota	Hicks	
	Tom	Hicks	
Mrs.	J. Q.	Bradgeman,	
	Joseph,	Johns	
Mrs.	Joseph,	Johns,	

Art, Asher,
 Mrs. Art, Asher,
 John Brown, Asher,
 L. L. Manna
 Mrs. L. L. Manna.

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On account of the unfavorable weather there was a small number in attendance at the third annual Johns Reunion in the year of 1918.

Many changes have taken place since our last Reunion, as in other families, caused by the flu epidemic and the war.

The following boys from our number were enlisted in service: Walter Hyde, Erwin Johns, Chester Best, Fred Johns, Clarence Johns, Ralph Johns, Clifford Johns, John Gadd, Jim Johns and Bert Johns.

Two from this number Walter Hyde and Chester Best are located at Camp Sherman. Fred Johns who was wounded is now at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D. C.

On our honor roll we have one Bert Johns son of Burr Johns. Other deaths were Emmett Steffey and Ethel Johns Keffer and Elizabeth Gadd.

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Mrs. S. F. Leach
Sec'y.

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 Mrs. Asa Meare |
 Mrs. Vinton Gadd. |
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Estas Johns
Effie Johns
Charles Johns
Justa Johns
Audra Johns
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Dan Kees
Mrs Dan Kees
Chyde Kees
Wilma Kees
Homer Casbeer Sr.
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Homer Casbeer Jr
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 Phillip Johns
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 Beatrice Johns
 P. Lythe Johns
 Charley Milburn
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 Dale Milburn
 John William Milburn
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Sam Leech
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Corless Leech.
Eunice Leech
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Hazel Johns.
Jim Johns.
Warren Miller.
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Linnie, Miller.

Mrs. Elvira, Reily
George, Reily

Lewis, Reily

Mrs. Harnett, Miller
Otis, Miller

Mrs. Otis, Miller
Margaret, Miller

Miller

William, Johns

Mrs. William, Johns
Luther, Johns

Clifford, Johns
Walter, Kels.

Mrs. Walter, Kels.
Jasper, Johns

Mrs. Jasper, Johns
Clarence, Johns

Fred, Johns
Donald, Johns

Frank, Johns
Max, Johns

Mrs. Frank, Best
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Leander, Johns

Mrs. Leander, Johns
Erwin, Johns

Lottie, Johns
Lucile, Johns

Kenneth, Johns
Ada, Mearns

Mrs. Ada, Mearns

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	George,	Johns,	1
Mrs.	George,	Johns,	1
	Charlie	Johns	1
	Hayal,	Johns,	1
	Queler,	Johns	1
	Justa,	Johns,	1
	Andra,	Johns,	1
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	Justa,	Johns,	1
Mrs.	Justa	Johns,	1
Mrs.	John,	Hinds	1
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	Robert	Hinds	1
	Jim	Johns,	1
Mrs.	Jim,	Johns,	1
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	Earl,	Johns,	1
	Sallie,	Johns	1
	Emmet	Stepfey	1
Mrs.	Emmet,	Stepfey	1
	Clarence	Stepfey	1
	Charlotti	Stepfey	1
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	George,	Stepfey,	1
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Mr.	Siqel	Johns,	
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	Jim	Johns	1
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	Ray,	Johns	1
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	Raymond,	Johns, Jr.	1

August, 27, 1916.

	Emerg. Kupper.	✓
Mrs.	Emerg. Kupper	✓
	Dan. Johns	
Mrs.	Dan. Johns	
	Rollin. Stoeker	
Mrs.	Rollin Stoeker	
	John. Stoeker	
Mrs.	Frank. Gadd.	
	Edgar. Johns.	✓
Mrs.	Edgar. Johns	✓
	Francis. Johns.	✓
Mrs.	Charlie. Milburn	✓
	Dale. Milburn	✓
	John William. Milburn	✓
	Harry. Johns	
Mrs.	Harry. Johns	✓
	Evelyn. Johns.	
	Dan. Kue	
Mrs.	Dan. Kue	
	Clyde. Kue	
	Elma. Kue	
	Ed. Miller	
Mrs.	Ed. Miller	✓
	Harrison. Booth	✓
Mrs.	Harrison. Booth	✓
	Edmund. Booth	✓
	Lucile Booth	✓
	Ed. Johns	✓
Mrs.	Ed. Johns.	✓
	Paul. Johns.	✓
	Willie. Johns	
	Georgia. Johns.	
	Harold. Johns.	
	Joe. Lader	✓
	Joe. Lader	✓

	Amada,	Amie	
	Wibur	Trapp,	1
Mrs.	Wibur,	Trapp,	1
	Louis Virginia,	Trapp,	1
	Samuel,	Luch	1
Mrs.	Samuel,	Luch	1
	Corliss,	Luch	
	Emmie	Luch	
	Charlie,	Luch,	1
	Paul,	Wilcox	
Mrs.	Alta	Hicks	
	Tom	Hicks	
Mrs.	J. A.	Bridgeman,	
	Joseph,	Johns,	
Mrs.	Joseph,	Johns,	

	Art,	Asher,
Mrs.	Art,	Asher,
	John Brown,	Asher,
	J. L. Munn	
Mrs.	J. L. Munn,	

On account of the unfavorable weather there was a small number in attendance at the third annual Johns Reunion in the year of 1918.

Many changes have taken place since our last Reunion, as in other families, caused by the flu epidemic and the war.

The following boys from our number were enlisted in service Walter Hinde, Erwin Johns, Chester Best, Fred Johns, Clarence Johns, Ralph Johns, Clifford Johns, John Gadd, Jim Johns and Bert Johns.

Two from this number Walter Hinde and Chester Best are located at Camp Sherman. Fred Johns who was wounded is now at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D. C.

On our honor roll we have one Bert Johns son of Burr Johns. Other deaths were Emmett Steffey and Ethel Johns Keffer and Elizabeth Gadd.

The organization for the following year will be the same.

Mrs. S. F. Leech
Sec'y.

In
to your
and

3/11/87

DECEMBER 24, 1931

MRS. LYDIA JOHNS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Lydia Ann Kees Johns, 81, died of complications at her home on East Church street, Newcomerstown, Friday evening, Dec. 18, following an illness of five month's duration.

She was born May 17, 1850, near Bernice, the daughter of the late Daniel and Melissa Kees. In February, 1866, she was united in marriage to George Johns who preceded her in death several years ago. Her early life was spent in the vicinity of her birth, and the last thirty years of her life was spent in Newcomerstown. She was affiliated with the Hartwood M. P. church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Hannah Gadd of Newcomerstown and Mrs. Mary Gadd of Newcomerstown R. D.; two sons Philip and Edward Johns both of Port Washington, sixteen grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Two sisters and one brother also survive.

Funeral services were held Sunday p. m. at 2:00 o'clock at the late Home, Rev. C. E. Jeffers officiating. Burial was made in the Newcomerstown cemetery.



MR. AND MRS. LESTER E. JOHN

Couple celebrates 68th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. John, 123 Downs Ave., Newcomerstown, celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary March 8.

The former Alberta Carothers and John were married March 8, 1919. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carothers of Kimbolton, and John is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George John of Newcomerstown.

Mr. and Mrs. John have two

children, Mrs. Sanford (Mary Lou Steed, Newcomerstown, and Arthur John, Stone Creek. The family also includes nine grandchildren, 1 great-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Both are members of the Church of Christ, Newcomerstown. Mr. John is a homemaker and John retired from the Tuscarawas County Road Department.



**Hiram & Hannah John - Jesse & Octavia (Mumma) John -
George & Emma (Riggle) John children:**

**Carla Burier Huff
Sigel's granddaughter
Mother Ruth John**

**Edith May
(John) Gibson
Sigle's daughter**

**Hazel (John)
Snedker**

**Esta
John**

**Audrey (John)
Hawk**

Thelma

**Charles F. John
Wife**

**Effie (John)
Lyons**

**Charles F.
John**

**Sigel McKinley
John**

**Edith Shaffer
Sigel's Wife**

John Reunion before 1972

**Photo generously shared by Charles Franklin John - Sigel's son -
Oct. 26, 2008 to Laurie Sullivan - LAS43832@yahoo.com**



Jasper H. Johns Family 1914

**Fred
Frederick Robert
Johns**

**Bernice Johns
Cronebach**

**C.W.
Clarence W.
Johns**

**Bertha Johns
Booth**

Jasper H. Johns

**Uylesis
Johns**

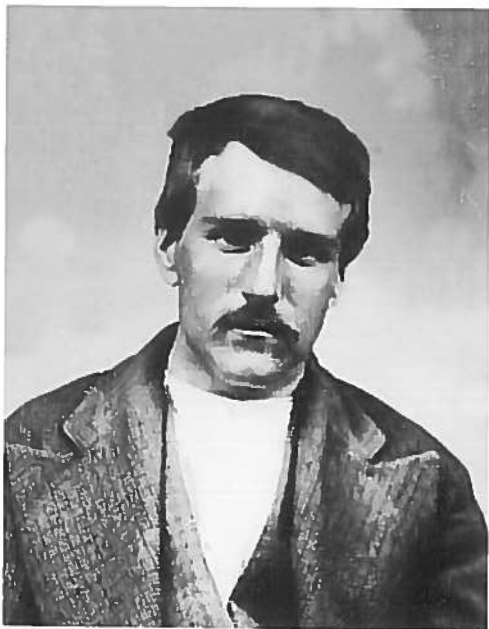
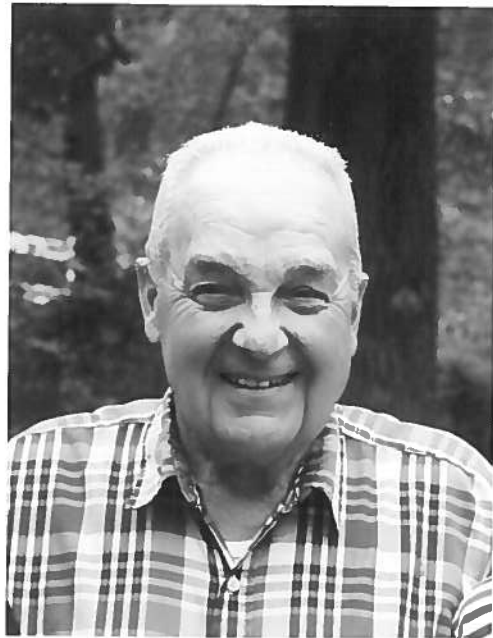
**Jesse Johns
Stiffe**

**Emma
Caddes
Johns**

**Donald
Johns**

Grant Johns





**Hiram & Hannah John
Jesse John
George Franklin John**

Sigel McKinley John

**Hiram & Hannah John
Jesse John
George Franklin John
Sigel McKinley John**

Charles Franklin John

**Possible younger
Alfred John?**

**Possible Older
Alfred John?**

**Hiram & Hannah John
Alfred John**

**Hiram & Hannah John
Alfred John**

Burr John

**Burr John center
sons
Joseph Burr & Albert**

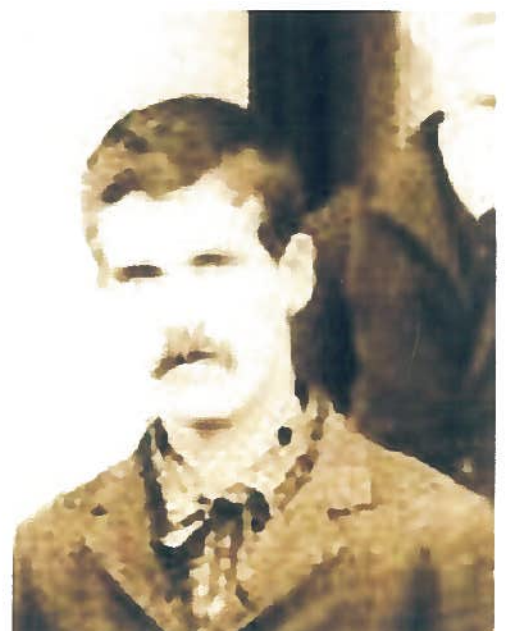
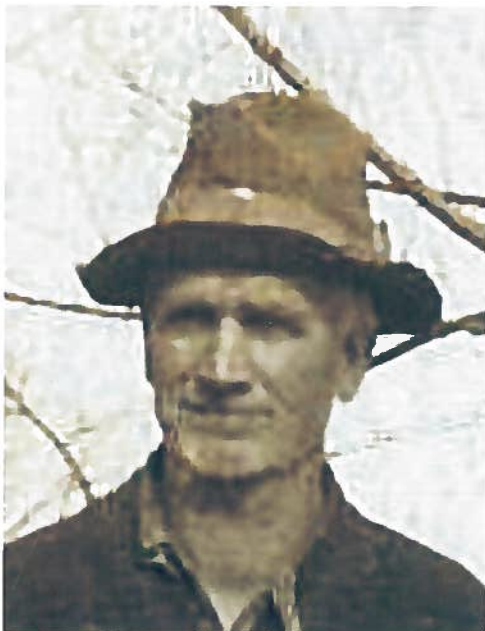
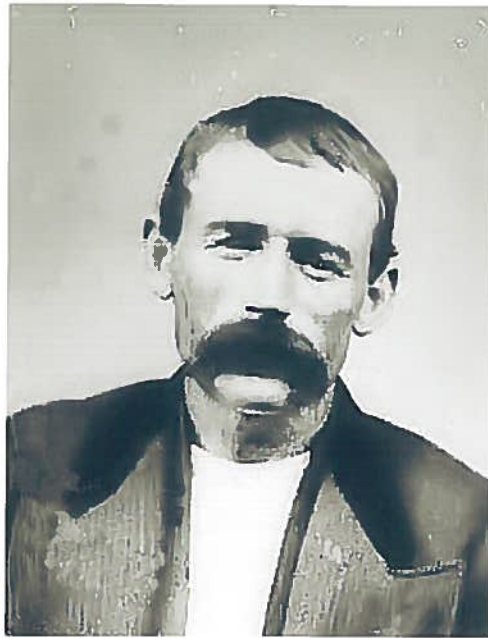
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Hiram & Hannah John

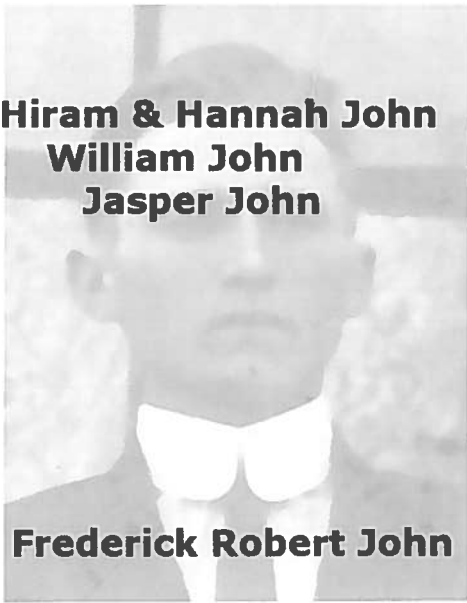
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William John**

William John

Jasper H. John

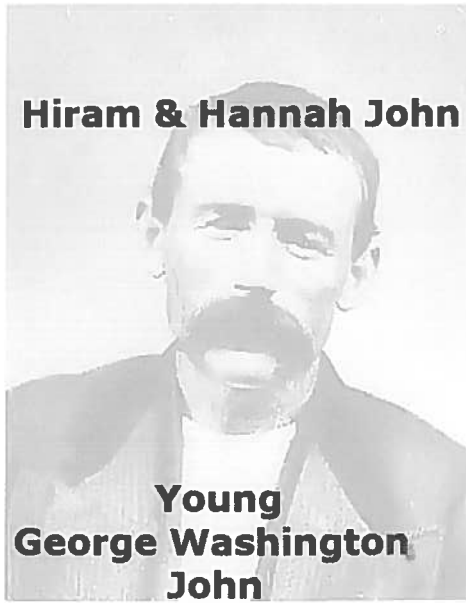


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William John
Jasper John**



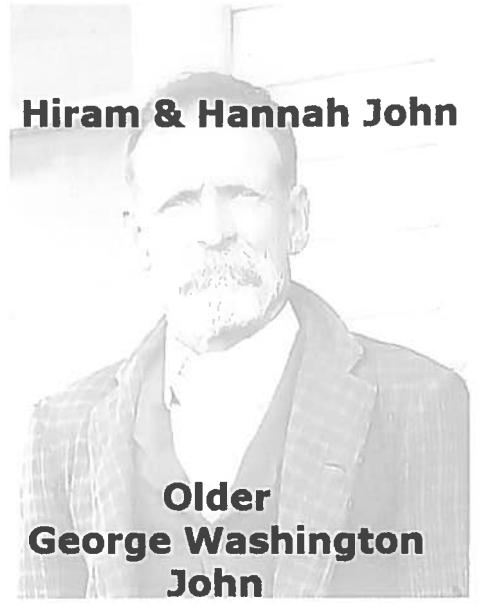
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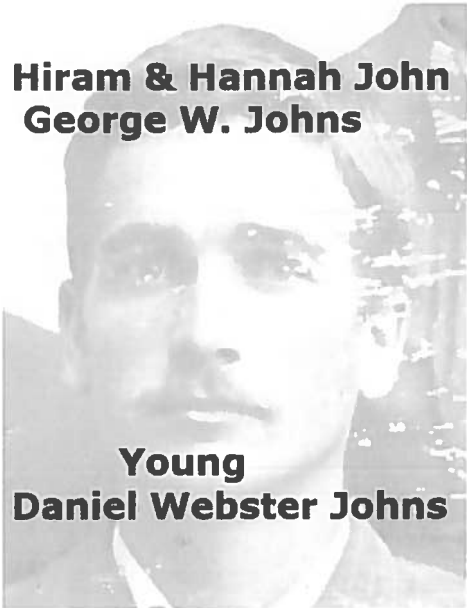
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George Washington
John**

Hiram & Hannah John



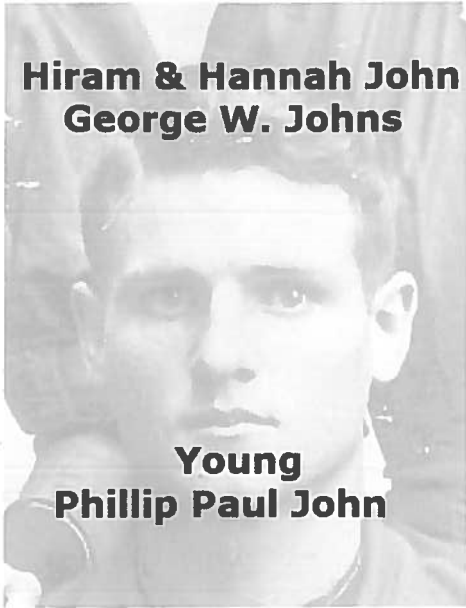
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**Hiram & Hannah John
George W. Johns**



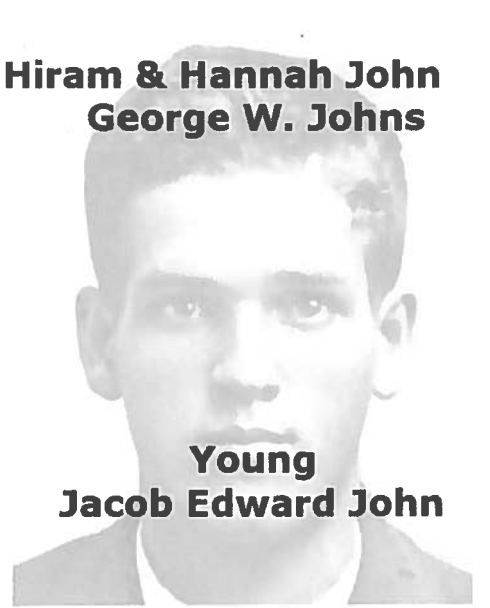
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Daniel Webster Johns**

**Hiram & Hannah John
George W. Johns**



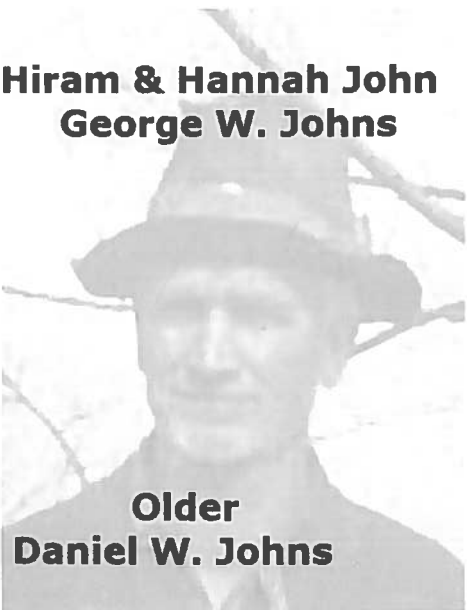
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Phillip Paul John**

**Hiram & Hannah John
George W. Johns**



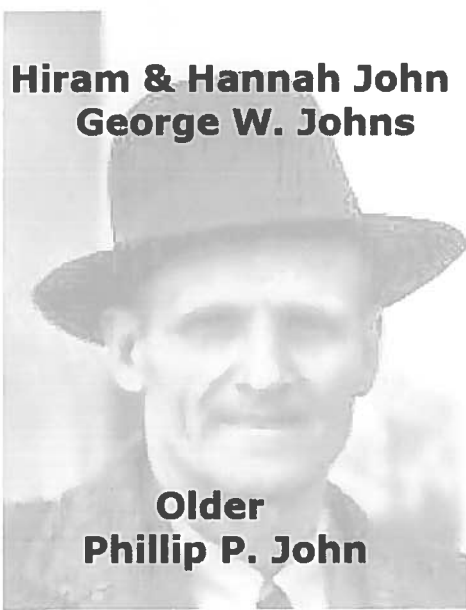
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Jacob Edward John**

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George W. Johns**



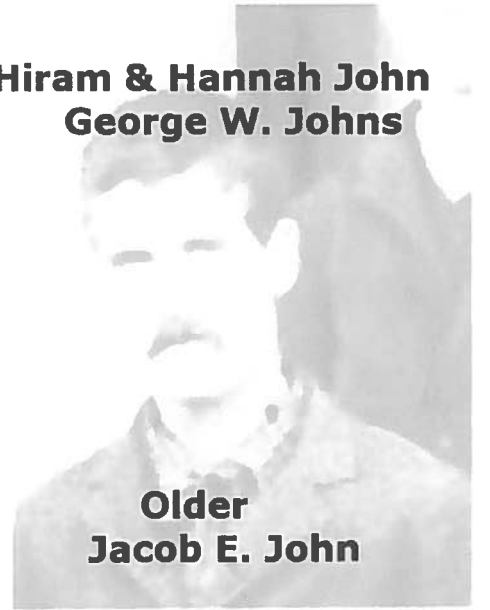
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George W. Johns**



**Older
Phillip P. John**

**Hiram & Hannah John
George W. Johns**



**Older
Jacob E. John**